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SUBJECT: THE EC/ARAB DIALOGUE AS SEEN FROM BONN

BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL OF THE FONOFF THE QUESTION OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE EC-ARAB DIALOGUE WAS DISCUSSED. VAN WELL, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THE PARIS MEETING OF THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS, STATED THAT THE NINE WERE ESTABLISHING AN INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK TO HANDLE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS AT THREE DIFFERENT LEVELS. END SUMMARY

1. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE EC-9 AND THE ARABS ARE UNDERTAKING A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION. ANOTHER MEETING WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE WHEN THE EC PRESIDENT GOES TO CAIRO AND BEIRUT. FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES, THE CURRENT PRESIDENT, PLANS TO GO TO THE MIDDLE EAST ON THE 20TH OF THIS MONTH FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. HE WILL WEAR HIS EC HAT PART OF THE TIME WHILE HE IS THERE.

2. ACCORDING TO VAN WELL, POLICY HAS TO BE COORDINATED AT THREE LEVELS. FIRST OF ALL, NATIONALLY. AMBASSADOR SCHIRMER (RECENTLY THE FRG AMBASSADOR IN VIENNA) HAS BEEN SELECTED TO COORDINATE THE FRG'S NATIONAL POLICY. HE WILL HAVE A SECRETARIAT IN THE BONN FOREIGN OFFICE. AMBASSADOR SCHIRMER WILL LIKEWISE REPRESENT THE FRG AT THE OTHER TWO LEVELS. OTHER EC-9 MEMBERS ARE TAKING MUCH THE SAME APPROACH.

3. THE SECOND LEVEL IS IN THE SO-CALLED "GROUPE DE COORDINATION." WHILE VAN WELL DID NOT GO INTO DETAILS, HE APPARENTLY REFERRED TO AMBASSADORIAL-LEVEL COORDINATION AMONG THE VARIOUS EC-9 MEMBERS AS WELL AS THE EEC.

4. THE THIRD LEVEL IS THE "COMMISSION GENERALE" WHICH WILL MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MID-NOVEMBER. THIS MEETING, TO BE HELD IN PARIS, WILL JOIN THE EC-9 AND THE 20 ARAB LEAGUE MEMBERS, PRESUMABLY AT AMBASSADORIAL
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